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CYCAA 2026 Provincial Conference

Subject: CYCAA 2026 Provincial Conference – Registration Now Open for Agencies & Practitioners

Hello,

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the **CYCAA 2026 Provincial Conference**, taking place **online January 29 & 30 2026**. This two-day **virtual event** brings together child and youth care practitioners, supervisors, educators, and leaders from across Alberta and beyond for practical, experiential, and genuinely relevant professional development.

This conference is built around the real needs of our field:

- supporting direct care practitioners in complex environments
- strengthening leadership and supervision
- improving workplace culture and accessibility
- addressing burnout and retention
- experiential learning grounded in relational practice

We know agencies are stretched, workloads are high, and time is limited. Our goal is to provide **high-value, accessible PD** that staff can use immediately in their work.

Registration Pricing

Individual Registration:

- Student – \$50
- CYCAA Member – \$75
- Non-Member / Out-of-Province – \$125

Agency Passes:

- Small Agency (up to 8 staff): \$300
- Medium Agency (up to 10 staff): \$360
- Large Agency (unlimited staff): \$1000

Register Here:

<https://www.cycaa.com/2026-cycaa-provincial-conference-registration/>

We welcome agencies from all regions and all service areas. If your team supports children, youth, or families, this conference will speak directly to the challenges and opportunities shaping today's practice.

If you have questions about registrations, agency passes, or bundling memberships, feel free to contact us.

We hope to see your team there.

Warm regards,

Child and Youth Care Association of Alberta (CYCAA)

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CYCAA 2026 Virtual Provincial Conference

January 29 & 30 • Online • Open to Everyone

Two Full Days of Learning, Connection, and Practice Advancement for Child & Youth Care Professionals

Why Attend?

The CYCAA Provincial Conference brings together practitioners, supervisors, educators, and agency leaders from across Alberta and beyond.

This event is designed for real-world practice: experiential learning, relational leadership, inclusive workplace strategies, and tools that actually support the day-to-day work of direct care staff.

Key Themes

- Workforce retention & leadership
- Supervision that builds capacity
- Practitioner wellness & sustainable practice
- Accessibility and inclusive workplaces
- Experiential learning in CYCC education
- Creativity, connection, and awe in CYC practice

Featuring: Frank Delano and Noor Almaoui

If I Could Supervise My Supervisor: Getting the Most from Your Own Supervision

This highly interactive workshop will present a series of strategies for highly motivated people to assess their role in the supervisory relationship and to develop proactive strategies to better "own their own supervision". Very often people are not satisfied with their supervisory relationship and stay in a frustrated mode and do not work to own their half of the relationship. They will lose many opportunities for professional growth and end up providing less quality of service. Other times people are happy with their supervisory relationship but don't proactively strategize how to get even more out of supervision. This workshop is open to individual supervisees or supervisors, and ideally "brave" supervisors and supervisees will attend together and strategize ways to grow together professionally.

Managing Change in Changing Times

We are living in a time of exceptional upheaval and change in our society. It is more important than ever to develop skills and strategies to manage change in a safe and productive way. There is much that can be learned from change and many opportunities to move your program and your career forward. This highly interactive workshop will look at the many dynamics of change and help participants build a repertoire of skills and strategies to be proactive in managing change, and learn from the process to move themselves and their program/organization forward.

Additional Sessions

Leading for Longevity – Dr. Michelle Briegel

Supporting practitioner retention through relational leadership.

Authentic Self-Care & Personal Empowerment – Lisa Levertton

Building wellness practices that sustain the people doing the work.

Real Talk, Real Change – Alisha Bagshaw & Emma DeCecco

Accessibility accommodations and inclusive work environments.

Unsettling the CYCC Classroom – Jill Thompson

Experiential and anti-oppressive approaches to education.

Cultivating Awe in CYC Practice – Chelan McCallion & Dr. Pat Kostouros

Using awe as a tool for connection, regulation, and hope.

Push to Heal – Joel Pippus

Integrating Neurosequential Model (NM) concepts into skateboarding

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Who Should Attend?

- Direct Care Practitioners
- Supervisors & Team Leads
- Agency Leadership
- CYCC Students & Educators
- Out-of-Province Practitioners
- Anyone working with children, youth, or families

Register Today

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